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I'm sorry, but the Subject shouldn't read "Settlement". It should state reality: sell-out, capitulation, or a weak-willed attempt at enforcing well-intentioned but easily-usurped-by-lobbyist\$\$ laws. You get the idea I hope.

It is sad enough that as soon as "I got a gentleman's C" Bush became President, the environmental laws were re-written by Texas Oil. Now, you are perverting the surprisingly noble work by Slick Willy Clinton at forcing the modern day equivalent of Standard Oil (close enough I hope) to actually play competitively. How many companies must fold before your jello spines stiffen?

Forget future dreams of a political appointment to a tropical island as an ambassador. Why not take a stand and fight for the people who suffer from MS' daily business practices? Not just rival software companies who either see their organizations bought out or even worse, their products copied almost verbatim without a single cent in licensing fees. How about the average consumer who has to spend countless hours keeping up with the almost daily patches to fix garbage software?

This is what complacency and more importantly, a dominant market position where you have crushed your "competition" by any means necessary, will result in. A company that no longer gives a damn about quality or the impact of its shockingly low level of ethics on consumers.

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